# South Carolina's Watersheds

### Ways we can protect them

## Keep septic systems working properly.

Pump your system every three years.

#### Think before you pour.

Many hazardous products flow from household drains through sewage treatment plants and into coastal bodies of water.

#### **Take Action!**

Organize a stream or beach clean up. Encourage your local newspaper to write a story and encourage your local government to use best management practices.

### Create environmentally friendly household cleaning products.

Use borax, baking soda and white vinegar solutions for all your cleaning needs.

#### **Conserve Water**

Install water saving devices at your home and think about harvesting rainwater.

#### Learn more about watersheds!

Search the many educational websites regarding watersheds to find out more,

#### Pave less.

Hard surfaces hasten runoff and increase pollution and erosion.

#### Use native plants.

Garden and landscape with plants native to your area to reduce the need for watering and fertilization.

#### Create non-toxic pesticides.

A bit of soap and water does the job and keeps harmful chemicals from ending up in nearby waterways.

#### Preserve natu<mark>ral</mark> areas.

Natural areas play an important role in providing us with clean water and healthy ecosystems.









